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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
	:	Response under 37 CFR 1.116
Jan MULDER	:	Confirmation No. 5631
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For: ELEMENTARY AND COMPLEX COUPLING DEVICES, AND THEIR USE		

**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 19, 2007, which was made Final. Please note that because the response due date of January 19, 2008 fell on Saturday and Monday, January 21, 2008 being a FEDERAL HOLIDAY, this response is being filed in a timely manner on Tuesday, January 22, 2008. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments **as to form** be entered to place this application in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.